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Casino gambling is closer to Martin than you may think. The Pacer looks at area casinos.

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Baseball players get pre-trial diversion on vandalism charges

BRIAN HOLLAND*Executive Editor*

Three UTM baseball players received a probationary pre-trial diversion Wednesday at General Sessions Court in Dresden on vandalism charges stemming from \$2,431 of damage done to a Browning Hall RA's car.

David Lockhart, a junior Accounting major from Germantown; Brian Hurt, a sophomore Communications major from Mayfield, Ky., and Chris Meyer, a sophomore P.E./Sports

Management major from Millington, Tenn., were each placed on six-months' probation and were ordered to pay court costs and restitution to the victim and perform 40 hours of community service.

According to UTM police reports, the three were charged Nov. 17 after investigation linked them to the vandalism of RA Jonathan Wentworth's 1987 Dodge Shadow in the Browning Hall parking lot.

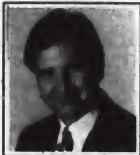
The vandalism was apparently a revenge action against Wentworth. See VANDALISM, Page 10

UTM alumnus will deliver commencement address

CONNIE BOMAR*Staff Writer*

Mississippi College president and UTM alumnus Dr. Howell Todd will be the speaker for this semester's commencement exercises.

Almost 300 students will be receiving their degrees at the ceremony, which will begin at 2 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

**Todd**

Todd graduated from UTM in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, Mathematics and Chemistry.

He obtained his master's degree from the University of Mississippi and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1972.

Todd is a native of Huntington and has held faculty positions at UTM, Dyersburg High School and Ole Miss. He has held his current position since mid-July.

In addition to receiving degrees, the honor students will be recognized at the ceremony for their achievements.

There will be a reception immediately following graduation in the UC Ballroom for the graduates and any family and friends who would like to attend.

Practice for the commencement exercises will be at 4 p.m. today in the Elam Center.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 17 issue of The Pacer there was an article about disciplinary action taken against Curtis Black, a senior Psychology major from Landsdale, Pa.

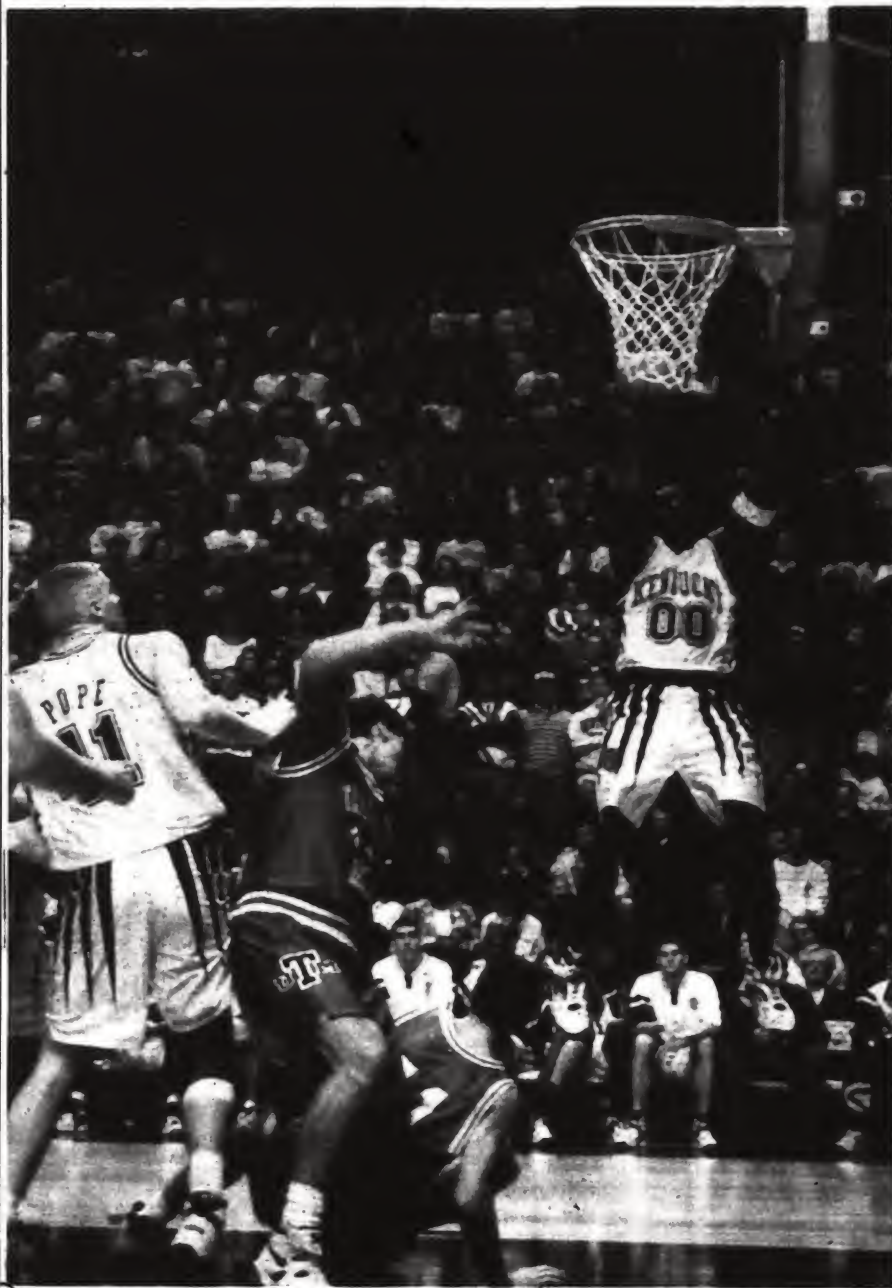
The headline incorrectly stated that Black was banned from campus for allegedly threatening to shoot a professor. Witnesses had said Black had threatened to shoot Psychology professor Dr. David

Gibson; however, that could not be confirmed by the university.

Black was banned from campus because he affirmed statements that he brought a 9mm semi-automatic pistol on campus earlier in the semester.

The alleged threats had no bearing on the disciplinary action taken against him. The Pacer apologizes for the confusion.

ROMP AT RUPP ARENA



Pacer defenders lose their footing as Kentucky's Tony Delk takes the shot in UK's 124-50 romp over UTM Saturday at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. Delk, a native of Brownsville, Tenn., scored 17 points for the evening. The fourth-ranked Wildcats scored 64 points off 42 Pacer turnovers in the contest and had seven players score double figures. (See story, Page 15.)

Photo by Brian Holland

W. Matt Meyer, Editorials Editor

THE PACER SAYS...

New year brings chance for changes

This is the time of year when people start reflecting on past events, while looking eagerly ahead at the new year. Because 1994 is drawing to a close, and because we won't see you again until 1995, we decided to share some New Year's resolutions. We have set goals for UTM for the new year.

LIBRARY -- The decision is all but official to move into the new library building during spring break and have it ready by the time students come back. Even though this is not as desirable as having it under our tree when we wake up Christmas morning, we encourage the move to happen before the semester ends.

ISSUE

New year is fast approaching us

OUR COMMENT

Keep these goals in mind for next year

The new library, especially the 24-hour study area that will be included, will be a blessing to this campus. Students need more places to study and work, and this all-night study area will provide a safe place for night owls.

MASCOT -- Whether it be pioneers or mavericks or mustangs -- please, no fighting oaks -- UTM officials should push for a new mascot by next fall. Student input on the issue is a must and should be taken into consideration when choosing the new moniker.

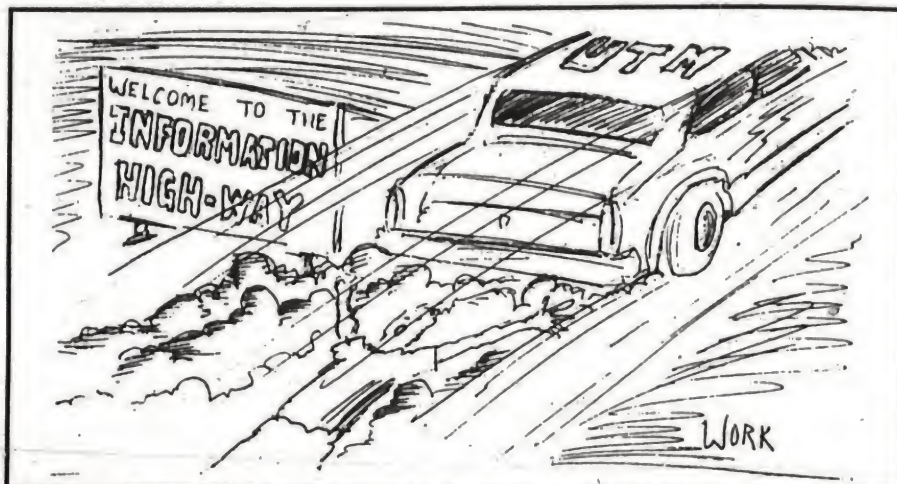
SGA ELECTIONS -- Many new changes will be heading UTM's way. The UC is going to be expanded, the new library is coming, entertainment committees are forming on campus and much more. Student opinion in these matters is needed, and the best way for students to get involved is through SGA. We need our best students on SGA, and we need to have more people to choose from.

In the past, some races have gone uncontested. We encourage the student body to try to fill the ballots on the next SGA elections. The more people that run, the better it will be for all involved.

CAFE' HOUSE -- With five productions already under its belt, the Cafe' House Committee has gone above and beyond the call of duty to bring entertainment to this campus. They promise to do the same next semester by hosting local talent and by bringing in outside acts. One definite show already set up is The Windows, and others are on the way.

Change seems to be the one constant at UTM, and students should take a look around at some of these changing aspects of the campus and take part in them. We encourage students in general to be more involved on campus and make UTM a better place.

Opinion



LETTERS

New mascot should be the moaners

Dear Editor,

I have read your paper every week for quite some time now. This year I read with interest that nobody seems to understand the name pacer and that it must go. Among the names suggested in your paper are bulls and frontiersman. The same people that

cannot explain the name pacer should really get confused with lady bulls or lady frontiersman. Consider the female teams if the name must be changed. After all, they are the only teams that seem to be able to post winning records.

It is very plain to one that reads your paper each week what the name and logo of your university should be. Each week one reads of somebody taken advantage of. There is nothing to do in Martin, the cafeteria food sucks, the referees lost the game, somebody tore our sign down, he called us a name so all 20 of us rushed him, there is no place to park,

the line is too long at registration, the noise is too loud from construction, the library is taking too long to build, the preacher said something I don't like, my professor is giving me a bad grade, the tuition is too high, everything isn't going my way so somebody is a racist, and on and on students complain.

As many cry babies as your school has, the only name that would fit is moaners. Think about it -- the UTM Moaners. The logo could be a sad face with tears and the words, "Poor Us." The mascot could be a student, preferably the biggest complainer

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From the Editor

Hiking down the memory trail

I had put off contacting them for so long, I was almost ashamed to call Russ and Terry after so much time had passed. But two weeks ago, I did.

When we parted ways last summer, I made all kinds of promises about how soon and often I would write and call them. But things have been so hectic since then, I hadn't even had much of a chance to think about them.

I met Russ and Terry July 4 at a fire station in Waynesboro, Va. They were an amiable-looking young couple who had both recently graduated from college and were out to spend some time away from the "real world" as they decided what to do with their futures. He was 22. She was 23.

When I met them, they were nearly 1,000 miles into what is called a "thru hike" of the Appalachian Trail. The A.T. is a wilderness footpath that extends 2,100 miles through the mountains of 13 states from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. Every year 2,000 people set aside four to six months of their lives to attempt to hike the entire trail in one season, thus becoming official "thru-hikers." Of the 2,000 who try each year, only about 200 make it.

Along the way, thru-hikers pass



Brian Holland
Executive Editor

through numerous little mountain towns, usually spaced about a week's hiking apart, where they resupply and, if lucky, get a hot meal, a hot shower and a warm bed for the night. Spaced an average of about every 10 miles apart are makeshift wilderness shelters, usually nothing more than a tin roof, dirt floors and three walls, which give hikers a dry place to lay their heads at night (along with the mice, rats and other rodents who also call the shelters home.)

At every shelter is a trail register, usually just a spiral notebook, where hikers record their daily exploits, complain about blisters, leaky boots and diets of granola and macaroni and cheese, and leave messages for trail friends behind them.

Most thru-hikers start the trail alone, but, as I soon found, it's easy to make friends along the way. By the time they reached Virginia, most thru-hikers had established large networks of trail friends whom they hiked with, met in trail towns and

kept in contact with through trail registers.

I was not a thru-hiker: I started the trail on May 15, less than a week after taking my last final, at Fontana, N.C. Knowing that I had to get back to school early and get to work on this newspaper, my goal was to reach the Mason-Dixon line, 868.5 miles north in Pennsylvania.

I was only 200 miles short of that goal when I met Russ and Terry. We were three of several A.T. hikers staying at the Waynesboro fire station, where hikers have been welcomed to stay overnight for free for the past 20 years.

The trail to that point had been an awesome experience for me, but things had begun to get hard. It was the heat of summer, and the biting insects were becoming more and more intolerable, and the heat and humidity more and more oppressive. I had been covering more miles faster than most, had passed many of the hikers I had befriended back in Tennessee and North Carolina and had been spending most of the time alone.

The trail experience was becoming no longer fun, and my spare thoughts began to stray to what I was missing in the "real world." Being too close to even think about quit-

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Technology brings new troubles

Each passing week seems to bring another announcement concerning UTM's headlong plunge onto the information highway. But amid all the hype about "going on line" and "universal access," something sinister may lurk through misuse of the new advising system.

Quite simply, few of us at UTM -- administrators included -- seem to understand the implications behind the jargon. For example, what about the hazards posed to all students from everything on campus going electronic?

It may shock you, the student reading this newspaper, but at this exact moment private information about you could be being accessed at any number of computer terminals around campus by people who have no official reason for doing so.

How so, you say? Well, one way is through the system (a computer network to student records known as CICS) set up to help professors advise their advisees. And while the CICS system is extremely useful during registration periods, it also could allow a violation of students' privacy.

Such personal information as your class schedule, transcript, hometown and local address, Social Security number and more can be accessed at any time by any member of the faculty hooked up to the system. Most of us, I'm sure, can understand why this information is important to our advisers



Staff Column
Kelly B. Smith

during registration. But what if I told you that I've seen a professor, simply curious about a student he didn't personally know, open her file with a few mouse clicks and in under five minutes take an uninvited cruise along her infor-

Trouble on the INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

mation highway. And this student will never know that there's a professor she's never met who knows just about everything about her. Scary, isn't it?

Don't worry, it gets worse. Computer access to your personal data file is not only available to faculty members whom you don't know but to some other students as well. Student workers at various positions around campus -- in administration offices, various departments and the library -- have access to highly sensitive information concerning other students. Every time you check out a book, your campus and hometown addresses and phone numbers are accessible to the student worker checking your book out. Students working for professors and departments can go deeper and get access to the same information

your adviser can about your background. And do your fellow students check up on you? You betcha, I've heard them talk about it.

Quite simply, something smells on the information highway being paved through UTM. The administration seems to be rubber-stamping every new idea that smacks of technology without considering the consequences to the student. What's to prevent misuse or abuse of this computer access without safeguards to protect students' privacy? Apparently, nothing.

The information age's arrival at UTM could be a stalker or crook's dream. Imagine that creepy professor who stares at you in passing between classes. You may be able to avoid taking a class with him, but he still has access to you. Imagine if one of your fellow students, with CICS access, decides to get a credit card in your name (and on your credit record). It can and, unless protective measures are taken, will happen.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a true advocate of technology used to make our lives and education better. But students should demand that safeguards be put in place to protect sensitive information about themselves. Otherwise, the information highway is in danger of becoming a hazardous pathway into our private lives.

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I'm usually a pretty private individual.

I usually try to keep to myself, and I don't get out too much. I just stay in The Pacer office all the time and play Solitaire on the computer while devoting the rest of my time to sucking down cheesesticks at Tony's.

But, I'm going to open up a

couldn't, so I went to Tony's instead.

September 29: I was walking on the UC patio and saw a large crowd sitting around and looking pensively at the doors to the UC. Being a senior, I knew what they were up to. So, I tried to cut their game short, and I approached them and said, "Can't we just all get along?" They collectively ignored

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

By W. Matt Meyer



little and share my personal diary with you, the faithful Pacer audience.

August 19: I was driving to Union City to go thrift store shopping, and I came upon this sign that read, "Treasures: Live Dancers, \$6.00." I wonder what kind of treasure a dinky building like that could hold. What's another word for pirate treasure? I think it's booty.

September 6: I never knew people could celebrate a soybean. I sort of understand the Strawberry Festival and the Iris Festival, but soybeans?

September 8: I was walking through the quad tonight, and I came upon this group of students sitting on blankets and reciting poetry and listening to the Doors. I love poetry and I love the Doors, but I have an irrational fear of blankets stemming from a childhood trauma, so I went to Tony's instead. I don't fear cheesesticks.

September 20: Saw "Natural Born Killers." Tried to draw a parallel between it and my life. I

me, so I went to Tony's instead.

October 6: I went to a meeting where SGA people and UTM administration people were discussing possible UC expansions. When they asked for suggestions from the crowd, I piped up. I told them I thought they should make the UC cool. They asked me if I meant the temperature, and I said, no, I mean make-it-better. They said, okay, great, but how? I said your questions confuse me, and I stormed out in a huff.

October 25: This poster dude wouldn't leave me alone. I kept telling him, "No, I don't have any questions about your stupid poster. Leave me alone, you freak!"

October 28: I was talking to the Clement Hall ghost, and she said she would be glad when the new library was built. She's hoping they will turn Clement back into a dorm, and she will have more people to scare because no one comes here anymore since the library moved in. Then we went to Tony's.

November 4: It was Homecoming. So I went home.

November 15: Someone asked me what I thought about changing the school mascot. I told them to go pound sand and stop worrying about a stupid UTM mascot -- many people are starving and homeless -- they don't have a mascot! Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, Kum Ba Yah!!!

November 24: Thanksgiving! A time for friends and family and lots of good food. I went to Tony's.

November 30: Received my big paycheck from Tony's for all the plugs I'm giving them. Life is sweet. Had some cheesesticks.

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Campus Quotes

compiled by Mary Anne Lane

"They should put in a TV guide because that's the only reason why I get the newspaper back home."

Tiffany Shocklee, Sophomore



"I think The Pacer is fine. Everything's organized and newsworthy."

Quotia Johnson, Senior

"I'd like to see them put in campus surveys about students' opinions. I also think they should bring back the horoscopes because I want to know if I'll ever graduate or not."

Lance Wilson, Senior



How would you change The Pacer?

"I think it's fine the way it is."

Tomeka Cherry, Sophomore



"The way people argue back and forth in the letters to the editor sucks."

Beth Morton, Sophomore

"I feel that The Pacer has done a good job covering all the campus issues, but I believe it would be a good idea to cover off-campus issues."

Willie Carter, Freshman



There will be no Pacer next week...

Go Home!

MORE LETTERS

From Page 2...
on campus.

Wake up! If you don't know what a pacer is then buy a dictionary. What do we have here, a crop of agents of change? UTM is starting to imitate Memphis State, oops, I mean University of Memphis.

Casey Cody
Martin resident

Returning student thanks UTM for caring

Dear Editor,

I want to commend all of the students and professors for their "I care" attitude. This semester I started back to school after more than 30 years of working for the public. Everyone has been wonderful to me -- so kind and thoughtful. You have restored my faith in the younger generation.

Julia Fowler
Communications
Sophomore

Clinton not responsive to the people

Dear Editor,

Rep. Newt Gingrich said President Clinton's White House staff is made up of elite leftists.

Political correctness requires that we disapprove of such labeling, deplore his insensitivity and perhaps even express outrage. All this proves is that political correctness is usually wrong.

The correct response is to ask whether or not Gingrich is right. With their vote on Nov. 8, a strong majority of Americans sent a message to the president that we agree with Rep. Gingrich and that we reject these leftist policies.

In his press conference on Nov. 9, the president said he heard our message, but his follow-up comments indicate that he does not agree with their message. It is this attitude that has made President Clinton the most

divisive of all presidents in my memory, which goes back to Truman in 1948.

The president repeatedly says he wants to be responsive to the voice of the people. He is giving himself excellent advice; but he seems incapable of following it.

Tom Gniewek
Camden

Student urges Marriott to change coffee

Dear Editor,

The worst coffee in the world is served in the Food Court. Every time -- and I mean every time -- I have purchased this slightly tainted water, the second sip is all I could bear. Please, please, please, help!

May I suggest some varieties of gourmet coffee at a higher cost maybe? I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated by many students.

Martha Seale
Travel and Tourism
Senior

Staff Column

Double standards should stop

"It's the double standards that make America what it is." I said this to somebody a couple of weeks ago. As I was thinking about it later on, something occurred to me: It doesn't bother me so much that this statement is true, but that this fact seems to bother almost no one.

Are you following me here? It seems that so many people are so engrossed in promoting their own cause that they aren't even conscious of the double standards they are creating. Allow me to give you a couple of examples.

As I see it, double standards exist in the relationships between whites and blacks and between straights and gays. (And before anyone starts pointing their fingers, no, I am not a racist or a homophobe. I believe in vegetable rights and peace and love your neighbor and don't judge a book by its cover and all of that.)

I only have one point to make for the relationship between homosexuals and heterosexuals. Gay pride is a double standard. When homosexuals hold gay pride marches, or whatever else, they are demonstrating to the world that they are not ashamed of their sexuality. Okay. But if a group of heterosexuals were to hold a "straight pride march," they would all be labeled homophobes or bigots, whether they really were or not.

This is, actually, very similar to a point I want to make about the



Jerianne
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Managing
Editor

relationships between African-Americans and Caucasians. We all know about the problems of racism, so I'm not going to dwell on that. Instead, I want to point out a couple of the double standards I have seen:

■ Black pride. I think it is great that African-Americans take such pride in their heritage and encourage people to explore their roots. However, when someone says "white pride," why is it that people automatically think of a group of ignorant fools dressed in white hoods and sheets or a group of neo-Nazi skinheads or some other equally repulsive group? Why can't all people be proud of their heritage, regardless of color, without being labeled racist?

■ The black entertainment channel -- BET. Again, I think it is great that African-Americans have such a place to express themselves and explore their common interests and heritages. However, if we really want to make things equal between the races, things like this are going to have to change. Just as there are both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking channels, if there is a black channel, there should be a white channel -- but

that would be racist, which is exactly my point.

This is the problem. It isn't really about a specific channel for African-Americans or about gay pride marches. It's the double standard that lies within these things. Almost every day I hear people talking about how we need to end racism -- increase equality among all humans. But how can we make everything equal if one group continues to separate itself from others?

Don't believe this is true? Then eat in the Food Court some day. The separation between the blacks and whites is so clear you could draw a line.

You want true equality? Okay, fine. Then strive for equality in all means. You can't have it both ways. If you are going to have a channel or a march specifically set aside for one group of people, you must make the same opportunities available for all groups of people who are different from the first group. Or you can have none at all -- instead of dividing it into white and black or gay and straight, why not combine the effort and call the end result human?

It is often said that the squeaky wheel gets the greasing, and that may be true. But it takes more than complaining. It takes work from both sides. End the double standards.

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HIKING:

From Page 2...

ting, I decided I would just grit my teeth and gut it out the next 200 miles to the finish line. If I really pushed it and was willing to do some night hiking, I figured I could be off the trail and back into the "real world" in 10 days.

Just north of Waynesboro, the A.T. goes through the Shenandoah National Park for 110 miles. The park provides a unique experience for thru-hikers because it offers so many opportunities to enjoy the creature comforts of civilization. Every 10 miles or fewer, the trail crosses some touristy outpost of civilization, which included several lodges with expensive restaurants and sometimes even pubs.

A couple of days north of Waynesboro, I, along with several other hikers whom I met in town, abandoned our ambitious hiking schedules and got sucked into the temptations of civilization and Russ and Terry's hedonistic trail ways. Succumbing to the lure of every restaurant and lodge within a mile of the trail, we slowed our pace down to fewer than 10 miles a day and soon became a big slow-moving, restaurant-frequenting, publoitering gang.

There were Roy and Drew, two thru-hikers in their mid-thirties; Doug, a 45-year-old AT&T executive who was hiking through Virginia; and two different groups of school teachers from Pennsylvania, who were hiking the 110 miles through the park and had happened to hitch up with our group.

Although many of us had met for the first time in and north of Waynesboro, our group had a certain chemistry. After a couple of days of traveling together, it soon seemed as if we were a really big group of friends together on vacation rather than people who would be strangers under any other circumstances.

I like to think that Russ, Terry and I were the nucleus of the group. In the evenings at the shelters, Russ and Terry would entertain the many travelers by making sport of their young hiking companion.

Whether recounting embarrassing stories of my latest foiled attempt to shamelessly hit on school-aged Girl Scouts along the trail, poking fun at my irrational and somewhat squeamish fear of shelter rodents or drawing attention to whatever unusual trail practice or mannerism they could find, ragging on me became a very popular pastime.

Some of my fondest memories of the trail were of falling asleep inside my tent next to a dwindling camp fire listening to the laughter of Russ, Terry and Doug as they recounted embellished stories of my trail shenanigans.

I would never have thought hiking through the wilderness would

be as fun an experience as it was for those 110 miles. Prior to the Shenandoahs, I had gleaned many valuable things from the trail, such as resourcefulness, perseverance, endurance and courage.

But never had the trip actually been fun the way it was for those 110 miles. The week or so I spent with Russ, Terry and the rest of the gang made me look at that entire summer in a more positive light.

North of the Shenandoahs, everyone in the group seemed to go on their own separate ways. In Harpers Ferry, W. Va., 40 miles south of the Mason-Dixon line, I said goodbye to Russ and Terry, promising to send mail to them at post offices along the trail and keep them up to date with school and with the newspaper.

Until two weeks ago, I hadn't thought much about the trail. In fact, after a few days in civilization the entire two months seemed more like a blurred dream than reality. As rewarding of an experience as it was, I had just kind of put it behind me and gone on with what seemed like more important things.

But as the pressures of school and work and of the "real world" in general began to bear down two weeks ago, I began reminiscing about last summer and decided to call Russ at his parents' house in New Hampshire.

I found his number written in the dilapidated trail guide that I carried with me for 868.5 miles just a few short months ago. Russ was there when I called and so was Terry.

They had made it. It took them a while -- in fact they had just gotten off the trail a week earlier -- but they had made the entire 2,100 miles. Now they were focusing on paying off their debts and pursuing careers -- they had both decided on the trail they wanted to be teachers.

After being on the trail for a prolonged period of time, the "real world" seemed so distant and insignificant that it was almost like it didn't exist. After being in civilization for a little while, that's how the trail seems now. Even though they had been home less than a week, Russ and Terry understood what I meant.

I know we would be doing a huge injustice to ourselves if we let ourselves forget about last summer -- about the lessons we learned, the fear we overcame and the sense of accomplishment we felt when we finally made our goal.

I also know it would be a shame to lose contact with the friends I made along the way, whom, although I knew them only briefly, I will never forget.

Particularly two friends in New Hampshire, who, should I ever feel like reminiscing again, are just a phone call away.

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If you want to write for The Pacer, come to our first meeting at 5 p.m. on Jan. 12 in 314 Gooch.

News In Brief...

Telephone service notice: Beginning Nov. 21, people must insert "901" when dialing all long distance calls within 901 area code.

The Student Manuscript Competition for Accounting students throughout the state of Tennessee is being conducted by the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants' Editorial Committee. The theme is "How the International Marketplace Affects the Accounting Profession." The author of the best paper will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. For more info contact the Communications Department of TSCPA at 1-800-762-0272.

Job positions are available for those who want to work as English conversation instructors in South Korea. A BA or BS degree is required, and pay is \$18,000-\$24,000 a year, including other benefits. Send resume, copy of diploma and copy of passport to Bok Ji Corp., Yang Chu P. O. Box 8, Yang Chun Gu, Seoul, Korea.

College women are eligible to become the New Breck Girl. The three Breck Girls will be selected in April 1995, from three age categories: 5-21, 22-39 and 40 and over. Winners will receive \$5,000 cash. Those interested in entering the contest may obtain details by contacting Breck, Box 4650, Naperville, IL, 60567-4650, or by calling 1-800-927-3252.

Washington, D.C., educational tour is set for March 10-19, during spring break. Students will have an opportunity to experience the sites and sounds of the nation's Capital. In addition to Washington, D.C., the tour will include stops at Jefferson's home, Baltimore, Pennsylvania and Civil War battlefields. The cost of trip is \$495. For more info contact History and Political Science Department at 587-7470.

Flu shots will be available to students and staff Monday through Friday until Dec. 9 in the Student Health Center. The cost of the shot is \$8. No appointment is necessary, although the recommended times are from 8-10 a.m. or 2-3:30 p.m. For more info contact the Student Health Center at 7750.

The 1995 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is now open to full-time juniors and seniors. The theme is "Creating an Ethical Society: Personal Responsibility and Common Good." The deadline for submitting an original 3,000-4,000-word essay is Jan. 13. For entry forms and guidelines contact The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10036, or call (212) 221-1100.

The International Hygiene Graduate Fellowship Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, is accepting applications for the academic year beginning September 1995. Appointments are for 24 months. The program is open to U.S. citizens with a baccalaureate degree who have not completed more than one academic year of graduate studies. For additional info contact Mary Kinney, Industrial Hygiene Graduate Fellowship Program, Science/Engineering Education Division, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, 120 Badger Ave., P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, or call (615) 576-9655.

A travel study program to London will be offered during Christmas break, Dec. 26-Jan. 8. UTM faculty will offer courses in Education and Business as part of a travel study program to London. For more info go by 109 Gooch.

The Law School Admission Test will be offered two times during the 94-95 academic year: Dec. 3 and Feb. 11. Applications for the test and the Law School Data Assembly Service 1994-95 are available in 216 Humanities. Two practice LSATs will be administered, and information on review courses, study guides and law school catalogs is also available. For additional info call 7481.

Submissions for News In Brief... must be turned in by 9 p.m., Monday to 314 Gooch.

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

By Soon Jin Jung

What do you think about eating dogs? Well, this may seem to be savage, but if you were a Korean, you would eat dogs naturally.

In Korea, many people eat dog soup as a special dish. The Korean people conventionally raise dogs at home, and they eat dogs in the last days of summertime, which are called the "dog days."

They mostly boil the dogs with sesame, garlic, shallot, thick soy paste, red pepper, etc. for a long time. Most of all, sesame plays an important part in dog soup because

sesame gets rid of the smell.

When it is made, the Korean people eat it with rice in a thick, brown ceramic bowl. The bowl prevents it from getting cold fast. They eat it very hot, and they don't even drink cold water with it. When they eat it, they have sweat on their faces.

Because dog soup has plentiful protein, they eat it especially for nutritional supplement in order to cope with the heat in the summer. Dog soup is the most necessary summer food in Korea.

Jung is a graduate Sociology student from Yon Sei University in Korea.

Crime lab confirms powder recovered from plane crash wreckage was cocaine

JERIANNE THOMPSON
Managing Editor

Weakley County Sheriff Mike Wilson confirmed last week that the powder found in the wreckage of the plane that crashed on Nov. 9 near Dresden, killing a UTM adjunct professor and a UTM student, was 1.6 grams of cocaine.

Killed in the crash were Aviation instructor David Allen Hazlett, 26, of Dover, and Janice Elyse Copeland, a part-time non-traditional student from Dyersburg.

According to Sheriff Department reports, Copeland's purse, which was found next to the crash, contained a compact case, in which were a single-edge razor blade and a mirror with a

white powder on it, and an empty cigarette pack. Inside the pack was a straw "approximately 3 inches in length and a clear wrapper that contained approximately one gram of a white powder substance," Wilson said.

The powder was sent to the state crime lab in Memphis and was verified to be cocaine, Wilson said.

Hazlett was believed to be piloting the Cessna 152 single-engine training plane, which belonged to West Tenn. Aviation.

He was a flight instructor at Everett-Stewart Airport in Union City and had been teaching Aviation at UTM since August 1993.

Copeland, a freshman Nursing major, was one of Hazlett's students.

A Weakley County Sheriff's Department investigator said the two had been dating.

Wilson also confirmed reports that the two were nude at the time of the crash. The clothing of the two victims had been scattered at the crash site, he said.

"None of their clothes were ripped from their bodies as a result of the crash," Wilson said. "Both people were nude prior to the crash."

The crash occurred at about 2 a.m. in a wooded area north of Dresden. It was an unauthorized flight, Wilson said. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Autopsies were performed on both bodies, but preliminary reports have not yet been completed.

Administrators travel abroad to recruit and represent

KATRINA BERRY
Associate News Editor

For the past 20 years, Dr. John Eisterhold and Dr. Phillip Watkins have travelled abroad to present educational opportunities to both Asian and American students and faculty.

Visiting colleges and universities throughout Japan and Thailand from Oct. 30-Nov. 19 this year, Eisterhold and Watkins covered 25,000 miles to recruit academically qualified students to participate in UTM's International Programs and regular curriculum.

"For me, it's really important for people to understand each other. We live in a small world," said Eisterhold, dean of International Programs and Admissions.

"If people talk and work together, they are less likely to be angry with each other," he said.

Watkins, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, also realizes the importance of UTM's foreign exchange program.

"Having a variety of nationalities and cultures on campus should enrich the educational experience for all students," Watkins said.

"We became involved in International Programs because many of our students were not travelling abroad to experience other cultures. So, we bring students here to broaden the educational experience for UTM students," he said.

UTM is helping to bridge the gap between international students and Americans by offering various intensive English programs.

UTM offers students attending the School of Nursing and the School of Medical Technology in Yamaguchi chances to visit American hospitals and pharmaceutical companies. Stu-

dents also learn medical applications and terminology, as well as conversation English, Eisterhold said.

UTM also offers students attending the Takasaki City University of Economics the opportunity to participate in a three-week summer program. Students study Business English and learn practical theories of applications, such as letter writing, video conferences and business technology.

Eisterhold and Watkins even interviewed eight prospective MBA students, during their visit to Thailand, who are interested in attending UTM.

They also had the opportunity to meet with Japanese UTM alumni. Eisterhold said he still keeps in touch with students from 20 years ago.

UTM has developed many relationships in Japan with universities and colleges, which enables UTM and these institutions to exchange students and faculty. Eisterhold said

a UTM faculty member will be sent to Nagasaki Wesleyan College in Nagasaki in March.

Also, UTM and Hiroshima University, which is UTM's sister university, have exchanged both professors and students and have planned joint research projects between the faculty for 18 years.

"It's an important part of the world for UTM to be involved in and for Tennessee to be involved in," Eisterhold said.

With this in mind, Eisterhold visits Japan each year to continue to present a positive image of UTM.

Eisterhold and Watkins are once again busy with their usual schedules until their next visit, but said it felt good to come back home.

"I missed the wide open spaces and the ease of communication that I usually take for granted," Watkins said.

"There's no place like home," Eisterhold said.

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Phi Kappa Phi honors students for academics

JERIANNE THOMPSON
Managing Editor

Nineteen students were recognized for their academic excellence at the annual Phi Kappa Phi lecture for academic achievement held Nov. 15.

Phi Kappa Phi is the largest interdisciplinary national honor society, and in the fall it recognizes students who, at the end of the previous academic year, were freshmen or sophomores in the top 3 percent of their classes, said Dr. Ivan Augsburg, president of the UTM Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and instructor in International Programs.

Those students recognized were: Katrina Berry, from New Jersey; Amy Collier, from Hohenwald, Tenn.; Angela Garner, from Martin; Jamie Godfrey, from Symrna, Tenn.; Mary Margaret Grady, from Union City; Trent Latta, from Martin; Bryan Myers, from Hillsboro, Tenn.; Karen Neidert, from Loretto, Tenn.; Melinda Neidert, from Loretto, Tenn.; Angela Olsen, from Canturbury Kent, United Kingdom; Carolyn Michele Pinkston, from Murfreesboro; Melody Proctor, from Hendersonville, Tenn.; Jana Sinclair, from Collinwood, Tenn.; Judy Spears, from Sharon; Diane Tinkle, from Martin; Pamela Crossett Trevathan, from Gleason; Jay Michael Trussler, from Montague, Tenn.; Candace Tyree, from Trenton; and Cherri Via, from Bells, Tenn.

Following the presentation of these students, Maria Malone, professor and acting chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, lectured and presented slides on "Brazil's Global Impact."

The students receiving this recog-

nition said they felt very honored.

"I felt very honored to be recognized, both this semester and last fall. I am hoping to hang the membership certificate right next to my diploma," said Diane Tinkle, a non-traditional Communications major from Martin.

"I didn't know that Phi Kappa Phi existed until I got this letter saying I was going to get an award. It's a big honor to be recognized this way. I hope to become a member," said Jamie Godfrey, a sophomore Pre-Med Biology major.

Junior and seniors in the upper 5

percent of their class are asked to join Phi Kappa Phi at a banquet held each spring.

There are numerous students, faculty and staff at UTM who are members of Phi Kappa Phi.

Phi Kappa Phi invites academic speakers on campus and sponsors area scholarships, Augsburg said.

"In addition, every year, someone from our campus is nominated for a national fellowship. Fifty students throughout the nation are given a \$7,000 fellowship for graduate school study, and 30 honorable mentions are given \$1,000," he said.

MPD arrests two students on charges of disorderly conduct

BRIAN HOLLAND
Executive Editor

Two UTM students were arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct on the night of Nov. 19 at Volunteer General Hospital in Martin after one allegedly threatened an emergency room physician and the other refused to leave the waiting room when asked.

Kevin Cash, a junior Criminal Justice major from Memphis, and Demetrius Lott, a junior Marketing major from Memphis, were arrested by Martin police when they accompanied Clarence Jones to VGH for an injury he received in a fight earlier in the evening.

The three were part of a group of six who were accused of jumping Quann Proctor, a junior Marketing major from Memphis, at his home on Mt. Pella Road earlier that

evening, said MPD Sgt. David Moore.

During the fight, Jones, a sophomore Arts and Sciences major from Memphis, was injured when Proctor cut his ear with a broken beer bottle, according to MPD reports.

The investigation revealed that Proctor acted in self defense, and he was not charged, Moore said.

Jones sought treatment at VGH where Cash allegedly threatened Dr. O.K. Smith. According to reports, Smith told police Cash interfered in the emergency room and refused to leave when he was told.

When MPD arrested Cash, Lott refused to follow an officer's order to leave the emergency room waiting area, and he was also arrested, Moore said.

Cash and Lott face a Dec. 7 court date at General Sessions Court in Dresden.



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W.MATT MEYER
Editorial Editor

Have you ever wondered who has to lock up buildings at night? Is it the Chancellor? Is it Pacer Pete?

If you said either of the above, you're wrong, and also a little loopy. But, if you said Donnie Bradford, you would have been correct.

The Pacer recently talked to Bradford, a senior Communications major from Humboldt, about his job with the UTM Department of Public Safety.

Pacer: What is your job?

Donnie: My job is to lock up all the main buildings in the quad area and the PE Complex and football office.

Pacer: How often do you work?

Donnie: I work two days a week and every other weekend. I have six-hour shifts that start at 8 p.m. and end about 2 a.m.

Pacer: How did you get this job?

Donnie: I went over to Cooper Hall and talked to Capt. (Bob) Johnson and asked him if there were any jobs available. I got it through him.

Pacer: How long have you held the job?

Donnie: Since last May.

Pacer: What's the best thing about the job?

Donnie: I don't have anyone looking over me. I'm kind of to myself.

Pacer: Whom do you report to?

Donnie: I have to call in to the dispatcher whenever I leave a building or go into a building. There are also officers at night who I report to.

At the end of the night I write a report about what time I went into a building and what time I left.

Pacer: What's the worst part about the job?

Donnie: The time is the worst part because the hours are from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Pacer: Do you get bored?

Donnie: YES!

Pacer: What's the weirdest thing you ever found in any room or any building?

Donnie: I haven't found anything weird, but I've been scared a couple times by maintenance guys in Browning. And sometimes those ghost stories and stuff get to me as I walk through the buildings at night by myself. Also, I've found students who were hiding in Humanities at night.

Pacer: What were they doing?

Donnie: Studying. But they didn't want to leave so they tried to hide, but I had to tell them to get out.

Pacer: Have you ever interrupted anybody in a private moment with somebody else?

Donnie: Yeah, in Humanities.

Pacer: In the classrooms?

Donnie: No, in the stairwell.

Pacer: Was it an extremely private moment?

Donnie: It was about to get heated.

Pacer: Do you consider this an easy job?

Donnie: Yes, it's very easy; it's one of the better jobs on campus. The only thing is the hours are rough.

Pacer: Do you like your job?

Donnie: Yeah, I do. I like the independence and the flexible hours.

Choral Society sings Christmas music

Courtesy of University Relations

The UTM Choral Society will present its annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theater.

Students, faculty and community members comprise the society, which performs twice a year at UTM.

The 41-voice choir will perform three works. The choir will open with "Midnight Mass for Christmas" by Marc-Antoine Chapetier, a 17th century composer. Based on early French carols incorporated into the various movements, the piece will be sung in Latin.

"Rejoice Beloved Christmas," written by Dietrich Btrich Buxtehude, will be the second piece

performed. Dr. John Dougherty, director of the choir, said this work served as a model Johann Sebastian Bach later used in his cantatas.

"Bach worked in one of the churches and asked for a leave of absence to hear it," Dougherty said about "Rejoice Beloved Christmas."

"He stayed three months and almost lost his job. The piece set up Bach's thinking (about music) for his whole life."

"Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi will be the last musical piece in the performance.

"This work is significant in the fact that it was lost for many years," Dougherty said. "It was revived and is now one of the Vivaldi's most popular works."

Fourteen soloists from the UTM Choral Society will be featured during the Christmas concert.

"We like to show the versatility of the group and the talented soloists," Dougherty said.

The soloists are: Allison Butner, Deborah Doss, Amanda Lodholm, Dr. Christine Powers, Rita Winter, sopranos; Jennifer Bailey, Mary Beard, Margaret Burdette, Michael Prazier, altos; Bill Ahlschwede, Don Andre, Robert Peckham, tenors; Chris Davis, Neil Graves, bass. Janice Dougherty will accompany the choir on piano, and Rella Carp will assist.

Tickets for the Dec. 4 performance are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, and senior citizens and children under 6 get in free.

Traveling exhibit increases awareness of state history

"Tennessee Treasures," a traveling bicentennial museum, presented Martin with a two-day exhibit this week encompassing more than 200 years of history.

The exhibit, which ended Wednesday, presented more than 138 artifacts representing 55 Tennesseans, such as Nathan Bedford Forrest and Alex Haley. Artifacts consisted of anything from a lock of hair from

Andrew Jackson to a 60s stage costume worn by Elvis Presley.

David H. Graham, UTM alumnus and Tennessee Treasures Project Coordinator, said the purpose of the museum was to increase awareness of Tennessee's Bicentennial celebration. The July 1, 1996, event will mark the 200th year of Tennessee being a state.

Graham and other coordinators

hope that the museum's exhibit will encourage people to coordinate their own local celebrations.

The museum has already visited 95 counties, making its last stop in Weakly County.

Graham said the tour, which began in Nashville in 1993, consisted of rural counties but some metropolitan areas were visited in the summer.

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After Class

An excess of enthusiasm

By Brian Holland

Leslie Godbold focuses her uncommon abundance of energy toward numerous campus projects and organizations

If UTM students could be compared to LP records, while most would be set on 33 speed, Leslie Godbold would be on 45.

Most people can tell just by the sound of her voice that Leslie, a junior Marketing major from Memphis, has an uncommon abundance of energy and enthusiasm.



"We were at a PEP counselors banquet during freshman studies week, and she was sitting a couple of tables down from me," said Connie Cantrell, adviser of the Phi Chi Theta business fraternity of which Leslie serves as pledge trainer.

"I sat down at the table and heard someone talking a few tables down, and, without even looking, I immediately knew it was Leslie. I recognized the enthusiasm in her voice. Her voice and her enthusiasm are so distinctive."

Leslie brings her trademark energy and enthusiasm to many campus projects and organizations. She is president of the Undergraduate Alumni Council, SGA Congress Business rep; a PEP leader, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, pledge trainer for Phi Chi Theta, president of the Pacer Hostess Club, a student ambassador, a member of Phi Eta Sigma honors society and was Pacer Polly her freshman and sophomore years. She also works as a recruiter in admissions, where she tells

prospective students about UTM and gives tours of the campus.

"It's really easy to get involved (at UTM)," Leslie said. "When I came up here, I decided I was going to get involved in everything and make the most out of college. There's leadership skills and interpersonal skills you can't develop by just going to class -- you need to get involved in other things to develop those skills."

Even as busy as she is, having too much to do is never a problem for Leslie. In fact, she sometimes finds that even with all her activities she still has more energy than she knows what to do with.

"I don't know what to do with myself if I don't have anything to do," she said. "I don't like to waste time. I guess some people like to lay around on the couch and watch TV, but I can't really do that. I can watch 'Days of Our Lives,' but that's about it."

Leslie said enthusiasm and a positive attitude have been keys to her success at UTM.

"There's a saying that life is 10 percent what happens and 90 percent how you react to it," she said. "That's so true, so you might as well always be enthusiastic. When I came here as a freshman, I decided I was going to be positive and make college a good experience."

Leslie's enthusiasm tends to rub off on the people she is around, Cantrell said. "She makes you really want to try, because she's so energetic and enthusiastic about what she's doing. She's the most enthusiastic, outgoing, somewhat hyper person I've ever met."

"I think it's contagious to a certain extent," Cantrell said.

"When you're around her, you want to be the same way she is.



ALWAYS A SMILE—Leslie Godbold takes time to chat with a friend during a spare moment in her busy, active schedule.

Either that or she wears you out." After getting her undergraduate degree at UTM, Leslie said she wants to get her MBA, probably

from the University of Memphis, and then pursue a career as a sales rep for an international company.

"I want to travel and sell. I like

working with people and like to sell. Everyone has a gift, and mine is talking and working with people and being energetic."

Out of all the activities she is involved in around campus, Leslie said the one she gets the most satisfaction from is her sorority.

"My favorite thing to do is spend time with my ADPi sisters. I think greek life is wonderful. It's not for everybody, but it is one good way to get involved."

To get involved is the big piece of advice Leslie gives to the upcoming UTM students whom she comes in contact with through her job in admissions.

"For me, it's not hard to meet people anywhere. But for some people, it is hard. But if they get involved, they can meet so many people. Different people want to get involved in different things. For me, I love greek life, but it may not be for everybody. (Students) need to find at least a couple of organizations to get involved in."

"I'm sure I've overdone it, but I can handle it; it doesn't stress me out. But I think everybody needs to be involved with something."

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After Class

Casino fun is not far away

Nearby casinos provide entertainment for fun-seekers and high-rollers

KIMBERLY WENZ

Features Editor

Ching, Ching, Ching, Ching. As the quarters drop from the slot machine, you realize that you've just won \$40. Never mind that you've already spent at least \$50. But the point of amateur gambling is fun, now isn't it?

Because many UTM students have become patrons of the casinos in Tunica, Miss., and Metropolis, Ill., let's examine a few of the nearby casinos a little more closely.

The casinos in both Tunica and Metropolis are governed by state laws that only allow the casinos to be located floating on the Mississippi or Ohio rivers. To meet these requirements the casino in Metropolis, Merv Griffin's Players Riverboat Casino, is an actual riverboat that goes on three-hour trips on the Ohio River.

The casinos in Tunica have a different approach to "floating on the river." The law in Mississippi allows the casinos to be located on the river side of the levee. To get around the floating aspect, most of the casinos pump water from the Mississippi River in, and the actual gambling areas of the casinos are thus "floating." Because only the gaming floors have to be afloat, the rest of the casino can be built around the floating area.

There is a unique aspect to this

"floating," as you travel the 40 miles from Memphis to get to Tunica, you mostly see cotton and cash-crop fields along the way, but then, all-of-a-sudden, you see an Irish castle, Fitzgerald's Casino. Beyond that, through the trees, you can see three large masts of what appears to be a very large pirate-type boat. On closer examination, you see it's the massive ship of Treasure Bay Casino.

The other casinos in Tunica are more closely clustered. The Circus Casino, the Sheraton Casino and the Horseshoe Casino are located at the Casino Center, while Harrah's, Sam's Town and Hollywood Casino are located together. Farther down the road, Bally's and Splash are across the street from each other, and Lady Luck is the last on "Casino Row."

Because I've only been inside three of the casinos in Tunica, Fitzgerald's, Treasure Bay and Sam's Town, I will only rate these three and Merv Griffin's in Metropolis. My rating system will compare these casinos to those of the great gambling mecca of Atlantic City. Because I consider the casinos in Atlantic City to be all-in-all amazing and lots of fun, this will be the basis of my comparative rating.

■ **Fitzgerald's**-- I gave this casino an 8 out of ten possible points. This is a fun place. As you enter you are greeted by a statue of a jolly Irish leprechaun, who merrily tips his hat

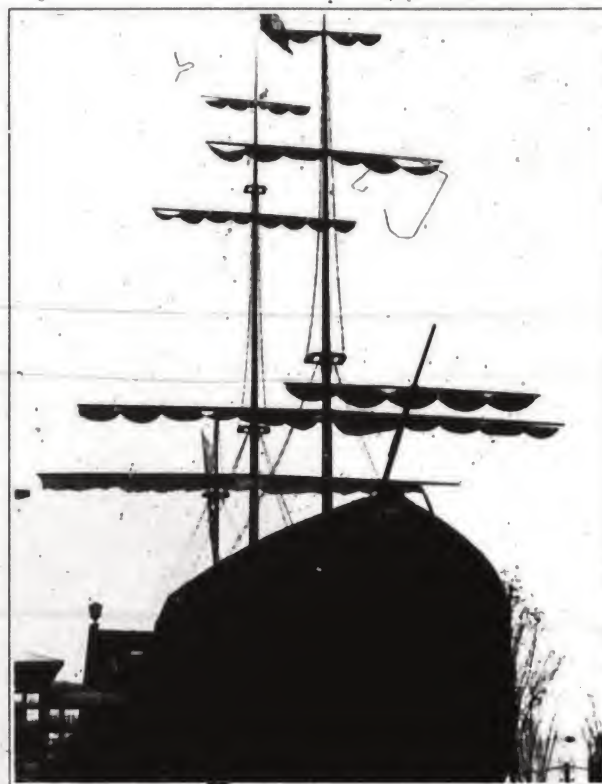
to all who enter. If you rub his head you are supposed to have good luck. Fitzgerald's has two floors of gambling, including tons of slot machines, craps tables, poker tables, roulette tables, Blackjack, video poker and the Wheel of Fortune table. There were probably other tables that I just didn't see.

When you want to take a break from gambling, they have an excellent buffet. The only reason I took two points away from Fitzgerald's is that although I found the staff friendly, they weren't as outgoing and numerous as the other casinos. Maybe it was just the time of day. Anyway this is a definite must see, the castle, the casino, the fun. Oh yeah, I also won a few bucks here.

■ **Treasure Bay Casino**-- 9 1/2 points. I really liked this place. It's not every day you see a very large pirate ship in the middle of a field. Even the atmosphere inside carries on the same pirate-esque theme.

When you enter the casino you see a smaller pirate ship that promotes this theme. This casino has all the games that Fitzgerald's has.

The staff here is really friendly, and the Slot Machine Manager, Rick Collinson, took our group on a tour of the casino, which was quite informative about the world of casinos. Collinson explained many things about casinos, such as: all the slot machines are connected to a fiber-optics system and that other Treasure Bay casinos are linked to this same system; that the slot machines are electronically run and the machine knows if you will be a winner before you even put your coins in, so



SHIP-AHOY-- The massive pirate ship of Treasure Bay Casino in Tunica, Miss., towers above the farm lands of the area.

by betting more coins, it does not increase your chances of actually winning; and that when a machine is opened to reload or empty the coins or repair the machine, that the person must go through several security steps, all while being monitored on video and through the fiber optics link. He also explained the table games and the different jobs in the casino.

What impressed me most about Treasure Bay was the friendliness of the staff and that they are renovating the second floor to be a day care for children while their parents are playing downstairs. They will have games for kids of all ages, and there is also a restaurant on the second floor. I took off a half-point because I didn't win any money here.

■ **Sam's Town**-- 10 points. This casino is really showy, especially if you're a fan of the western lifestyle! As you pull up, it appears to be a whole western town scene. Even the inside follows the theme. This place is also packed full of slots and gaming tables. Even the dealers and attendants wear cowboy/cowgirl outfits. I felt like I was in Texas, in the good ole' gun-slingin' days. This casino is the only one I visited in Tunica that had an attached hotel, which is very nice and convenient. Sam's Town also has a wonderful restaurant that will satisfy any appetite. The people are nice and very helpful. This is also where I won the most money.

■ **Merv Griffin's Player's**

Riverboat Casino-- 6 1/2 points. If closeness is an issue, then this is your best bet. This casino is located about 10 miles past Paducah, in Metropolis, Ill. (the home of Superman, they boast).

The boat is really pretty and the staff is kind and plentiful. But, this place gets really crowded, so you'd better get there early.

You'd also better bring or win lots of money because, when the boat leaves dock, you are on a three-hour cruise. So, if you have the same luck as I've had, you go broke about 10 minutes after the boat leaves, and you have to entertain yourself for the next two hours, and there is not much else to do.

Unlike Mississippi, Illinois has passed a law that the casinos must charge for alcoholic beverages, so if you bust, you can't even drown your sorrows. There is a snack bar on the third level, but I always lose and can't afford anything, so I haven't tried it.

Don't let my losses deter you from going here-- I have several friends who have won big, so I guess it's just my bum luck.

It is a fun place, but I took off three points for the fact that you can not leave whenever you want and half a point because I never win here.

So, wherever you go to gamble-- Tunica, Metropolis, Las Vegas, or Atlantic City-- have fun! And remember, when the fun stops and you start to get in over your head, it's time to stop.



ROYALTY WITH A GAMBLING FLAIR-- Fitzgerald's Casino claims the "luck of the Irish" will be with you as you gamble in this impressive castle.

Photo by Kimberly Wenz

UTM one of only two state universities to see rise in enrollment, report shows

JENNIFER GRANT
Staff Writer

UTM is one of only two four-year colleges in Tennessee that has seen an increase in enrollment for the 1994 fall semester despite a decrease in the rest.

According to a report by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, UTM has a 1.28 percent increase in enrollment for the semester. This is the second highest increase next to Tennessee State, which rose 4.19 percent. The study included eight other four-year institutions, which all received a decrease in enrollment.

THEC attributes the overall decrease this year to the decrease in the number of graduating high school students, as well as to the improvement of the economy. According to the report, when this happens, there is more room for people in the work force, and, thus a decline in enrollment.

Along with the enrollment increase at UTM, the quality of students has improved, said K. Paul Jones, associate vice chancellor and director of Graduate Studies. He said the average ACT score for beginning freshmen was up for the fourth year in a

row. Jones also said the number of students entering college with high school deficiencies is down for the fourth year in a row.

"We not only improved our market share, but particularly we improved our share of the better qualified students," Jones said.

Paul Kelley, executive director of Admissions, said some of the success of UTM comes from its small-school appeal in a rural setting as well as individualized attention from instructors.

Jones said instructors show concern for incoming students and take the time to talk to them about their

individual areas of interest.

"UTM is still the campus that cares, and I think that is what really helps," Jones said.

Jones also credits a great deal of the success of UTM's enrollment to the university's recruiters, who visit high schools five or six times a year and address questions students have about the university.

Even with the success UTM has had in enrollment, THEC predicts an even bigger increase over the next six years for Tennessee. According to the report, THEC expects to have increased its overall enrollment to 75,000 by the year 2000.

ENROLLMENT CHANGES IN UNIVERSITIES ACROSS TENNESSEE -- FALL 1994

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East Tenn.	11,272	11,261	-0.10%
Middle Tenn.	17,383	17,120	-1.51%
Tenn. State	7,851	8,180	4.19%
Tenn. Tech	8,338	8,226	-1.34%
Univ. of Memphis	20,375	19,851	-2.57%
UT Chattanooga	8,325	8,281	-0.53%
UT Knoxville	25,890	25,412	-1.85%
UT MARTIN	5,537	5,608	1.28%

Source: Tenn. Higher Education Commission

By: Kimberly Wenz

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From the cover...

who cited one of the students earlier in semester for an alcohol violation in the dorm, said UTM Police Lt. Darrell Simmons.

"I had written one of them up before in early September," Wentworth said. "I'm not really sure whether it was retaliation or what. I'm not sure what the point was."

According to reports, the rear passenger window of Wentworth's car was broken, both side mirrors were pulled off, and the paint scratched on the front and back and both sides.

The three charged are all junior college transfers on baseball scholarships to be pitchers this season.

Baseball head coach Vernon Prather said before the trial that the players were suspended from the team for the rest of the season regardless of the trial outcome. Further disciplinary action from the team would be considered after the trial, he said.

"They were players we were counting on this season," Prather said. "They're good players; they're good kids. This is something totally out of character for these kids. I don't know what happened that would cause them to do something like that."

Under the terms of a pre-trial diversion, the three may petition to have the charges removed from their records if they fulfill the terms of their probation, a court officer said.

The three will have a hearing from the University Council today to determine what disciplinary action they will face from the university.

Though unable to speak on the specific case, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Phil Watkins said a student facing a similar violation would usually face suspension from the university.

In other reports, UTM police are investigating the vandalism of seven vehicles that had their windows broken Saturday on campus. According to reports, the seven vehicles were parked in six different lots when the vandalism occurred. Nothing was stolen from any of them.

Several other vehicles off campus were also vandalized within the same time period, Simmons said.

"We think all of them are related," he said. "Were working with local police and have some leads of who it possibly could be." Simmons said investigators suspect the vandals are not UTM students.

Santa's Village opens next week in Ag Pavilion

The Tenth Annual Santa's Village has expanded its petting zoo, adding Rudy, a live reindeer, and other exotic animals. Santa's Village will be held Dec. 8-11 in the West Tennessee Ag Pavilion.

The village will be open from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Dec. 10 and from 1-5 p.m. on Dec. 11.

There will be a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, the first night the village opens. The village will again provide 24,000 sq. ft. of Christmas fantasy wonderland.

In addition to the 55 arts and crafts booths, where visitors can find several gift ideas, there will also be several displays.

Other attractions include Santa at the spectacular three-dimensional North Pole Village Display and the 30-foot Arctic Avalanche Alpine Slide.

Santa's Village is co-sponsored by Martin Parks and Recreation, the C.E. Weldon Library and the Ag Pavilion. Proceeds will again benefit needy children and families.

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Students practice their politics at mock legislature

SHANE MERCER
Staff Writer

A group of UTM students recently attended a mock legislative session in the 23rd Annual Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) in Nashville.

Representatives from about 20 Tennessee schools went to the Capitol building, where the mock legislative process took place Nov. 17-20.

Each student legislator was placed on a committee in which bills were discussed and revised. Committee members then went to the Senate or House chambers, depending on which branch of the Congress they were members of, to vote on the bills discussed in committee meetings.

Debate took place on the floors of the House and Senate prior to the voting. After voting, Senate and House members attended a joint session of Congress, where they listened to speeches. This year's speaker was Lt. Gov. John Wilder. No legislative activity took place during the joint sessions.

"It's a mock legislature, and it mocks it to the 'tee,'" said Frank Stevenson, a TISL Senate member and SGA attorney general. Stevenson is a sophomore Political Science major from Nashville.

The UTM group also included

Kenny Yarbrough, a sophomore Physical Therapy major from Covington, and Earl Mabry, a senior Public Administration major from Memphis. Both served in the House of Representatives.

"What I enjoyed about TISL the most was the parliamentary procedural practice," Stevenson said.

Of the laws passed by TISL, 15 that were passed by acclamation will be presented to the governor and state Congress to be considered for passage into law.

"To pass by acclamation there can't be any objections, and it has to pass with almost no negatives at all," Stevenson said.

One of the bills that passed was designed to improve driving safety by requiring large trucks to install grassing, which are devices to catch water that would otherwise be thrown onto nearby automobiles.

Defeated bills included one requiring welfare recipients to be tested for drugs and another outlawing premarital sex.

"I... stood against that (pre-marital sex) bill because I felt it is kind of ridiculous when we start trying to mandate certain aspects of people's lives," Stevenson said.

The group hopes to legally be a Tennessee lobbyist organization by the year 2001.

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Pi Kappa Alpha wins History Club's second Trivia Bowl from 28 teams

JENNIFER GRANT
Staff Writer

Twenty-eight teams competed in UTM History Club's second Trivia Bowl last Thursday in Humanities Auditorium. The teams were composed of clubs, organizations and independent students, engaged in nearly six hours of competition.

The competition lasted through five rounds until the first Pi Kappa Alpha team (Pike Team I) was pro-

nounced the winner. The group received a plaque, four free video rentals and a pizza.

Second place went to Alpha Tau Omega (ATO II) who won a plaque, a pizza and two tickets to a local food bar. Third place went to the Cavaliers, a group composed of independent students, while fourth place went to The Pacer staff. Both groups won a pizza for their efforts.

Andy Daniels, president and main coordinator of the bowl said it was

set up in "Jeopardy" fashion. The contest provided questions from six categories: history, science, art and music, sports, current events and literature.

Larger groups of competing associations were divided into groups of three or more persons.

The first round in the competition was composed of three competing groups. In later rounds, only two teams competed at a time. Group members picked a category and a

point amount. A random question was drawn from a pile of questions. A group member gained or lost points for his or her group by answering the questions. If the question was answered correctly, the member got to choose another category.

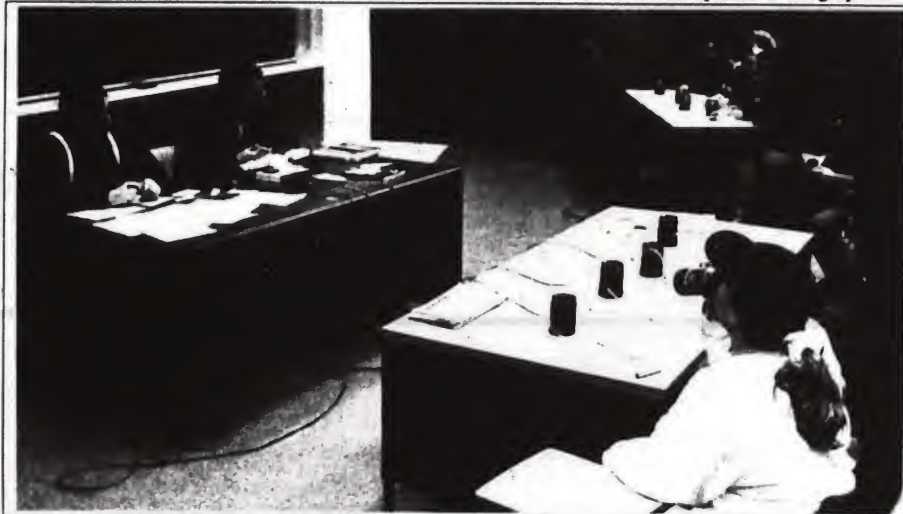
During the final round of each match, Daniels drew a category from a pile of papers.

The groups then had 30 seconds to decide on how many points to wager for the question. After deciding, the

groups had 30 more seconds to answer the question. The group with the most points went on to compete with the winning group from another match.

Most groups who competed enjoyed the competition, Daniels said. "I think it went over real well. It was successful, and we plan on doing it again next year," he said.

Funds raised by the Bowl totaled \$250 and will go toward activities planned by the History Club.



AND THE ANSWER IS... — Dr. Dan McDonough (left) and Andy Daniels explain the rules of the trivia bowl to three competing teams in the first of five rounds.

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Perry among two new members of Hendrix Chair of Excellence

The Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise at UTM, under the direction of Economics professor Dr. Saul Barr, has recently named two new members to its board.

Chancellor Margaret N. Perry and Maj. Gen. Peter D. Robinson, a decorated Vietnam war hero and commandant of the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force base in Alabama, which is the country's oldest Air Force educational institution, were recently added to the board.

Board members are nominated by the UTM School of Business Administration for outstanding support of the American economic system.

Chancellor Perry has served as chancellor of UTM since July 1, 1986, and has the distinction of being the first UTM alumna to become chancellor of the university.

She received her bachelor's degree from UTM and her master's and doctorate's degrees from UTK. Prior to becoming chancellor at UTM, she served as associate vice-president of Academic Affairs at Tennessee Technological University.

Chancellor Perry's leadership at UTM has been characterized by enrollment growth, increased admission standards, new academic and student programs, increased retention and graduation rates, expanded service to the region and a higher level of interest among students,

alumni and business leaders.

Major General Robinson received his bachelor's degree in Basic and Applied Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., an Olmsted Scholarship from the University of Freiburg, West Germany and his master's degree in Planning and Public Administration at Pepperdine University. He was also educated at the British Royal College of Defense Studies at London.

Robinson has received many awards and decorations during his illustrious career. His appointment to Hendrix Chair of Excellence is not simply a result of his vast military experience, but because under his leadership the Air War College has expanded its staff and curricula to include resource allocation and defense economics.

The purpose of the Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise is to create a communications bridge between the university, its students, the business world and the public sector, to better understand free enterprise.

"The American economic system is responsible for our current high standard of living," said Barr, who holds the chair. "Since business is the foundation of our economic system, all citizens must be involved in maintaining an environment conducive to continued prosperity."

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SPORTS SHORTS

Kevin Rogers

It seems like yesterday that I became the Pacer sports editor. It is far from a glamorous job, and I surely didn't get into it for the pay.

But, it has been fun for the last three years, and I wouldn't take anything for the experience.

I've seen some great and some not-so-great games, but there are some things I will not soon forget.

As my time as sports editor concludes, I give you my Top 10 list for UTM's time in Division I athletics.

No. 10 - Seeing the crowds that watched the UTM basketball team in 1992-93. The attendance requirement we had to get into Division I wouldn't be a bad idea right now.

No. 9 - Watching UTM play football on live television. Who could have envisioned the day that UTM could be seen by 3 million people?

No. 8 - Watching UTM play basketball on SportSouth against MTSU. We won that one.

No. 7 - Hosting USC in basketball. UTM is the only OVC school to play a Pac-10 school. But, Mike MacIntyre's 75-foot shot to win the car is the best play I've seen.

No. 6 - Defeating 10th-ranked MTSU in football. For a program that has traditionally struggled on the gridiron, that win was a key victory over a name opponent.

No. 5 - Watching UTM battle Tennessee. The Pacers haven't been able to beat the Vols... yet.

No. 4 - Watching UTM play at Vanderbilt. Memorial Coliseum is an unusual place to watch a basketball game, and Vandy had the best pre-game meal I've eaten. You don't get to eat free steaks at many places.

No. 3 - Hiring Benny Hollis as athletics director. UTM got a great deal in hiring the former Northeast Louisiana AD. Finding a person with such credentials will serve UTM well in the coming years.

No. 2 - Watching the Pacers play at Rupp Arena. This is my favorite sports event from my time at UTM.

No. 1 - Seeing the women's tennis team win UTM's first OVC title. Winning the title in the team's second Division I year was impressive.

As I try to graduate in spring, I leave with you these thoughts.

May the UTM student body attend more games, may the mascot that is chosen be respectable (and, at least make sense), and may UTM continue to improve on all fronts.

Good-bye, y' all. I've had a blast.

Fourth-ranked Kentucky blasts UTM

KEVIN ROGERS

Sports Editor

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- For a minute and a half Saturday at Rupp Arena, the UTM men's basketball team held its own against fourth-ranked Kentucky.

Ryan Burge hit a jumper with 18:46 left in the first half to pull the Pacers into a 2-2 tie.

Unfortunately, the highlights ended there for UTM as the Wildcats overwhelmed the Pacers, 124-50, in front of a partisan crowd of 23,875.

"(UTM) played hard, but there was a mismatch as far as size and talent and quickness," said Kentucky coach Rick Pitino. "It's a tough situation to play against for both of us. But, I hope (UTM) will benefit somehow from playing us."

UTM committed 42 turnovers, including 23 steals by UK. The Wildcats converted the Pacer miscues for

64 of Kentucky's points.

As bad as the score was, it could have been worse if UK had not backed out of its suffocating press early in the contest. However, the Wildcats did not quit on the boards, outrebounding UTM, 40-24.

"Coming in here I really thought we could play competitively and give (Kentucky) a good ballgame. I'm disappointed," said Pacer coach Cal Luther, who called the game one of the longest nights in his coaching career.

"(UK) made us look bad," Luther said. "They did a great job of scouting. We were totally outmanned."

The Pacers could never get on track as they trailed, 62-24, at halftime.

Things did not get any better in the second half as the Kentucky subs kept up the attack with little drop in the level of play.

"UTM will be all right. They have some talent, but they passed

up several shots," said Kentucky junior forward Jared Prickett, who led seven Wildcats in double figures with 21 points.

Brownsville native Tony Delk contributed 17 points in a rematch from high school with UTM freshman Robin Cude, who nailed a pair of treys for six points.

The junior guard played well but felt no pressure from playing a local school.

"(UTM) played hard, and we respected them," Delk said. "I tried to play a team game in spite of the home people."

Junior college transfer Michael Hart appeared to be the only Pacer not to be intimidated by the Wildcats. Hart scored 12 points in the

first half en route to a 16-point performance.

Junior DeWayne "Pooh" Powell scored 12 in the contest but was kept silent for most of the night.

In spite of the loss, the Pacers rebounded quickly, defeating San Francisco State, 84-62, Monday night at Pacer Arena. (See related story.)

UTM enters tonight's home contest against Arkansas State with a 1-1 record.

The Pacers travel to Eastern Illinois Saturday before returning for a home contest Monday against Metro conference member Virginia Commonwealth. UTM will also be in the Bearcat Classic at Cincinnati the following weekend.

Women's basketball team wins thriller at St. Louis

Katina Jones hit a three-point field goal with three seconds left in the game to lift the Lady Pacers to a 73-70 season-opening road win over St. Louis University Tuesday.

Jones, a senior from Covington, converted the game-winner after the Lady Billikens' Lynette Pestel tied the score with a three-pointer of her own with 15 seconds left. Freshman Christy Hicks had given the Lady Pacers a three-point lead by making a pair of free throws with 27 seconds left in the contest.

UTM rallied for the victory after trailing, 67-62, with two minutes

left in the game. Hicks hit four charity tosses during the stretch, while Tara Tansil hit two free throws and scored on a layup with 1:26 left in the game, which gave UTM a 68-67 lead, its first since early in the second half.

Tansil led all scorers with 25 points. Dawn Limbaugh added 11, while Jones had nine.

St. Louis was led by Shatoya Likely and Niki Matthews, who tallied 17 points each.

The Lady Pacers play in the University of Buffalo Tournament this weekend.

Harper, Spano named All-OVC

Two senior defensive standouts for the UTM football team have been named first-team All-OVC, while two other Pacers were named to the second team in a vote of league head coaches and SIDs.

Dewayne Harper is a repeat performer to the first team, while middle linebacker Brian Spano was named to the team after being a second-team pick his junior year.

Senior offensive tackle J.B. Norment was named second-team All-OVC for the second straight year. Junior defensive tackle Brad Godwin received the honor in this, his first season with the program. Junior defensive back Preston Jones was named honorable mention.

Harper had 13 career interceptions, including three this year. He had 90 tackles this season and finished second in the OVC, averaging 11.8 yards a punt return. He set a school and OVC mark with 183 yards in punt returns in UTM's 42-14 win over Charleston Southern.

Spano again led UTM in tackles, making 121 total stops. He also had 3.5 sacks and six tackles for loss.

Godwin made an immediate impact along the defensive front, finishing among the OVC leaders with 8.5 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss.

Norment (6-6, 280) was a four-year regular along the line. Jones had 83 tackles and returned two of his three pass interceptions for TDs.

Pacer players were inspired, awed by Rupp atmosphere

KEVIN ROGERS

Sports Editor

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- The UTM men's basketball team ran into serious opposition when it took the floor for its season opener Saturday at Rupp Arena.

Not only were the Pacers playing the fourth-ranked Kentucky Wildcats, but they were also playing their formidable opponents in front of 23,875 rabid Kentucky fans.

Playing before the largest crowd to ever witness a UTM contest in any sport, the Pacers could not help but be overwhelmed by the charged atmosphere. With Blue and White swirling all around, UTM got its introduction to basketball at its finest.

Though the Pacers were trounced, 124-50, several of the UTM players relished the opportunity to play in one of the top basketball venues in the nation.

Obion Central product Robin Cude got his first six official college points on a pair of three-pointers Saturday at Rupp Arena. What a way to start a career.

"This was really something," the freshman guard said after the contest. "This is a little boy's dream to play here. It was great... it was a great feeling."

Cude said the Pacers had a practice in Rupp Arena Friday, and seeing all the splendor of the place was awe-inspiring.

"I saw all those retired jerseys," Cude said. "You can just see the history in this place. This is a great

place."

Though the aura is great when Rupp is empty, it is lethal to opponents when filled with 24,000 Big Blue faithful.

"We were ready for that, though," Cude said. "We had to be mentally tough."

Junior point guard DeWayne "Pooh" Powell said he dreamed of playing at Kentucky as a youngster.

"This was a place I wanted to go out of high school," Powell said. "It's great to play in this kind of atmosphere and against a great team."

Powell said he knows first-hand how the Wildcats feed off the crowd.

"I think anytime they play at home and have 25,000 fans cheering, they get momentum," Powell said. "It helps give them a big boost."

"I love to play in front of big crowds," said senior guard Jim Locum, who played in front of several large gatherings as a freshman at the Air Force Academy. "This is probably one of the biggest crowds I've ever played in front of."

Playing in front of a hostile crowd not only pumps up the home team, but it gets everybody ready, Locum said.

"Everybody's adrenaline gets going just because there's a lot of people there," Locum said.

Though Kentucky dominated the game, the Pacers definitely had an experience they will never forget.

Sports

Football team loses finale to APSU

KEVIN ROGERS

Sports Editor

UTM's football season wasn't supposed to end this way.

After struggling early in the season, the Pacers had put together a pair of wins and only needed a win over 3-7 Austin Peay for the team's first consecutive winning seasons in 17 years.

However, the season finale went the way of so many other games this season as UTM fell just short in the 27-21 loss to the Governors the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Austin Peay sealed the game with an interception on its own six-yard line to end the game.

"This was a heartbreaker," said Pacer coach Don McLeary. "The guys wanted to win this one in the worst way."

However, a pair of blocked punts by Austin Peay proved to be crucial as both led to APSU points. A pair

of interceptions and a fumble also hampered the Pacers.

UTM had taken a 7-0 lead early in the first period after Keith Mawyer recovered a John McDuffie fumble at the APSU 17. Quarterback Charles "Doc" Gamble scored on the next play, and Matt Young followed with the extra point.

Austin Peay tied the game executing its option offense for a nine-play, 58-yard drive. McDuffie atoned for his earlier fumble by scoring on a one-yard dive, and David Young's extra point came with 8:25 left.

The Governor kicker added a 29-yard field goal before the end of the quarter.

The Pacers regained the lead when senior tailback Randy Brown scored on a 19-yard scamper with 11:18 left in the half.

However, the momentum quickly shifted back to Austin Peay as the Gobs scored two more touchdowns

after UTM miscues to take a 24-14 halftime lead.

"Austin Peay was better than last year," McLeary said. "They executed the option much better."

Another APSU field goal, this one from 35 yards away after a blocked punt, gave the Gobs a comfortable 27-14 lead three minutes into the second half.

UTM responded with a 10-play, 66-yard drive to cut the lead to six midway through the third quarter.

Gamble, who went 18-44 for 182 yards, finished the drive with a 10-yard scoring strike to John Dillon.

However, UTM could not penetrate the APSU defense again and fell painfully short for the sixth time this year.

"We couldn't make the big play," McLeary said. "We had a good effort, but we were off on execution."

The Pacer seniors concluded their careers with a 19-25 overall record.



GOING DOWN HARD - UTM quarterback Todd Mather could not escape the Austin Peay defense the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Pacer Stadium as the Pacers lost a 27-21 heartbreaker. Mather saw limited playing time in the contest.

Photo by Brian Holland

Rodeo teams are first, third after two rodeos

The UTM rodeo teams are riding high in the Ozark Region after two back-to-back regional rodeos. Both the men's and women's teams are on track to capture the regional crown.

The Missouri Valley Rodeo, held Nov. 11-13 at Columbia, Mo., was tough on both squads. The UTM men finished second in a nail-biter, only 10 points behind the host team. The UTM women also took the runner-up spot behind the Missouri Valley women.

UTM rodeo coach Tony Coleman was disappointed with the MVC rodeo, noting that many of the team members had a hit-and-miss weekend.

"We basically had three people that had a good rodeo at MVC," Coleman said.

The UTM men were led at MVC by the efforts of Travis Hamilton, Clint Madison and Joe McQuillan. The UTM women were led by Tara Knepper and Shelly Fields.

The Murray State rodeo, held the following weekend, proved to be a better outing for the UTM men, but the event added to the disappointment of the UTM women. The UTM men dominated the weekend, winning the rodeo with a 260-point spread over second-place Southern Arkansas.

"The men had the rodeo they were capable of having," Coleman said.

The UTM men now lead the Ozark region by a margin of more than 500 points.

The victory at Murray was a team effort as each member placed in his event. Mike Caldwell, Kevin Hefley, Ken Mason, Brett Wessel, Madison and McQuillan all worked together to get the job done.

The UTM women faced stiff competition at Murray and managed only a third-place finish. Fields and Knepper started well, but each had a hard time in the second round. Vanessa Fowlkes finished well in the second round but was hurt by her first-round score. After the Murray rodeo, the UTM women are second in the region standings.

Although there are still six rodeos after Christmas break, Coleman is optimistic and pleased with his teams to this point.

"The men are doing better than I expected," Coleman said. "We have several freshmen that are performing well. The women are not doing bad either, but they are facing some really stiff competition."

The UTM cowboys and cowgirls will ride again in February when they travel to Michigan State.

Tisch, Ohrt honored by OVC

Two UTM volleyball players received honors at the 1994 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament over the weekend before Thanksgiving in Murfreesboro as the Lady Pacers ended the 1994 season.

Junior Traci Tisch was named All-OVC second team, while Amy Ohrt was named to the All-OVC Freshman team.

Tisch led the Lady Pacers in total kills and ranked among the leaders in the league in blocks per game.

Ohrt led the team with a .207 attack percentage.

The Lady Pacers concluded the season with an 11-23 overall record, including OVC wins over MTSU and Tennessee State.

UTM lost its opening-round match in the OVC Tournament to Murray State.

The Lady Racers won a hard-fought first game, 18-16, before taking 15-2 and 15-10 decisions over UTM.

Pacer basketball team rebounds to defeat San Francisco State Gators, 86-62

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UTM's men's basketball team bounced back Monday night from its earlier loss to Kentucky, winning handily over 1-3 San Francisco State, 86-62, before 2,104 at Elam Center.

The Pacers improved their record to 1-1 on the season and is set to host a tough Arkansas State team tonight.

UTM, playing excellent defense early, jumped to an early 19-4 advantage over the Gators behind the

hot shooting of forward Ryan Burge. Shooting guard Demarko Wright also contributed to the Pacers' offense as he scored eight points in the first half, including an uncontested dunk with 6:00 remaining to increase UTM's lead to 26-9.

Wright led four UTM players in double figures with 18 points.

UTM led by as many as 20 points in the opening half and shot nearly 50 percent from the field as its lead was a comfortable 34-15 margin over SFSU at the break. The Gators shot a poor 20 percent in the first half.

UTM began the second half laid back on defense, and San Francisco State capitalized with relentless shooting, including a three-pointer by guard Marcel Miffin.

SFSU forward Dwight Crocker also became involved as he broke loose twice for two electrifying dunks, which drew applause from several UTM fans. The Pacers' lead was cut to 38-25.

UTM regained its momentum after a timeout and ran off five straight points to increase its lead to 43-25.

SFSU would produce one final run with 8:12 remaining in the con-

test to close the gap to 55-44, but the Pacers' offense would not go away as they answered the Gators' run to up the lead again.

Things began to get sloppy for San Francisco State as UTM increased its lead to as many as 24 points late in the game behind sharp shooting from guards DeWayne Powell and Jim Locum. Locum came off the bench and nailed three three-pointers.

Freshman guard Robin Cude also departed the bench and buried a pair of three-pointers, including one with 27 seconds left in the game, as his

hometown fans cheered the Pacers to the 86-62 win.

UTM coach Cal Luther was indeed happy following UTM's performance Monday night.

"My guys played an excellent ballgame tonight, and we looked extremely good on defense," Luther said. "We also got excellent play from the guys off the bench."

The Arkansas State Indians, who defeated San Francisco State 70-63, last Saturday, invade Elam Center tonight against a much-improved UTM squad.

Tipoff is set for 7:30.

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